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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S USE OF
DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AMENDMENT NUMBER 7 TO
CONSORTIUM GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER H-18199 FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR TUBERCULOSIS TRIALS
PATIENT STUDIES**

This is to inform you that I am exercising the delegated authority granted by your Board on August 29, 2000, to execute amendments to the University of Southern California (USC) Consortium Grant Award Agreement, to accept future funding allocations not to exceed \$1,104,270 and extend the term through September 22, 2009.

Under this authority, DPH is executing the last amendment (Amendment Number 7) to the Consortium Grant Agreement from USC which increased the total funding from \$626,786 to \$755,459; at no net County cost. The term for this Consortium Grant Agreement ended in March 31, 2009 due to a funding reduction; therefore, the new amended term is September 23, 1999 through March 31, 2009.

Under the provisions of this Agreement, DPH provided direct observation therapy to tuberculosis (TB) study patients and evaluated the patients with latent TB infections at the LAC+USC Medical Center. Upon termination of the Agreement, USC will assume all duties and responsibilities contained in this Agreement from DPH. The delay in processing this amendment was due to extended negotiations with USC concerning the assumption of duties and approval for the total funding amount.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Amendment as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

JEF: ev
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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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